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SUBJ: READOUT ON CZECH PREMIER VISIT TO TURKEY

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED THE RECENT VISIT OF CZECH PRIMIN
STROUGAL WITH MFA EASTERN DEPARTMENT OFFICER
BRKAN GEZER JANUARY 9. ACCORDING TO GEZER, THE CZECH
VISIT WAS A "SURPRISE," SINCE CZECHS HAD MADE REQUEST TO
COME ONLY TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF VISIT. CONSEQUENTLY,
HE CHARACTERIZED THE VISIT AN AN "INITIAL STEP" TOWARD
EXPANDING AND DEEPENING RELATIONS. HE NOTED THAT
STROUGAL'S WAS THE FIRST VISIT BY A CZECH OFFICIAL "OF
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THIS LEVEL" TO TURKEY SINCE THE 1960'S. ON SPECIFIC ASPECTS

OF THE TALKS, GEZER MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. THE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN STROUGAL AND TURKISH OFFICIALS WERE OF A GENERAL NATURE AND DELAT WITH FEW OF THE NUMEROUS SUBJECTS COVERED IN THE COMMUNIQUE. THE LANGUAGE CONCERNING POLITICAL SUBJECTS WAS "STANDARD," SAID GEZER AND DID NOT REQUIRE MUCH NEGOTIATION. HE WAS MILDLY PLEASED WITH THE FACT THAT THE CZECHS, UNLIKE THE BULGARIANS AND SOVIETS, HAD AGREED TO THE WORD "COMMUNITIES" IN THE CYPRUS SEGMENT OF THE COMMUNIQUE.

B. THE MOST PROMISING ASPECT OF THE VISIT HAD BEEN ON THE ECONOMIC SIDE. A MIXED COMMISSION HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED, WITH A FIRST MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE, TO PIN DOWN SPECIFIC AREAS OF COOPERATION. GEZER NOTED THAT TURKEY HAD A TRADE INBALANCE WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA DURING THE PAST YEAR AND FOR THIS REASON GOT WAS HOPEFUL THAT IT COULD OBTAIN CZECH CREDITS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THERMAL POWER, ELECTRIC, GENERATION AND/OR ARTIFICIAL FERTILIZER FACILITIES. HOWEVER, NOTHING SPECIFIC WOULD BE DECIDED UNTIL THE JOINT COMMISSION MET.

C. THE TWO COUNTRIES HAD AGREED ON A PROGRAM OF CULTURAL EXCHANGE, BUT THERE WOULD BE NO "CULTURAL AGREEMENT" PER SE, IN ORDER TO AVOID THE NECESSITY OF SUBMITTING THE AGREEMENT TO PARLIAMENT.

D. THE QUESTION OF AN AGREEMENT OR DECLARATION ON FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION (WHICH TURKEY HAS SIGNED OR AGREED TO SIGN WITH ROMANIA, BULGARIA AND THE SOVIET UNION) WAS NOT TRAISED DURING THE MEETINGS.
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